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ST. MARY RIVER DAM OPENING IS NATIONAL EVENT

ASSET TO CANADA AND STRENGTHENS ALBERTA ECONOMY

**Gardiner Opens Valves at
Largest Earth Filled
Dam in Canada**

VAST UNDERTAKING

**To Transform Half Million
Acres Former Rangeland
Through Irrigation**

LETHBRIDGE, July 16th. — Approximately 7,000 persons witnessed the turning of the valves today by Hon. J. G. Gardiner at the St. Mary River dam, which will provide irrigation eventually for more than half a million acres of former range land. The dam is the largest, earth-filled, in Canada, half a mile long, 202 feet deep and over 190 feet above the normal river level, its cost \$6,500,000. The lake created by the dam is 18 miles long and some six miles wide. Premier Manning, Phil Baker of Lethbridge, chairman of the Water Conservation Council, and Dr. L. B. Thompson of Regina, chairman of the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Board, assisted in the ceremony. The Blood Indians initiated Mr. Gardiner as Chief Thunder.

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, July 18th.—The opening of the St. Mary River irrigation dam is of much more than local importance. The dam is recognized here as a national asset and as another "boost" to the economy of Alberta and to Alberta's position in that country's economy.

Valuable Addition

If the oil of Northern Alberta, with the potential wealth still undiscovered, and discovery of apparently extremely valuable uranium deposits in Northwestern Saskatchewan seem to have ushered in a new era for Western Canada, the new development in irrigation facilities for the farm lands is a valuable addition to the picture.

Whether the completion of the St. Mary dam is to be followed with a start on the South Saskatchewan project will remain uncertain until the word of the commission of experts is received. The appointment of the committee is expected quite soon. The general attitude here towards the project is apparently quite favorable. The thing that is important, however, is that the final and best expert opinion be obtained on its feasibility. No one wants a "white elephant" in South Saskatchewan. The opinion of the experts should be obtained in the comparatively near future.

Features of St. Mary Undertaking

Features of the St. Mary dam, as explained here, are seven large reservoirs, and a number of smaller ones, with many miles of canals into different districts of lands to be irrigated. These lands will total about 500,000

Federation of Agriculture Honors U.S. Attache



On their way to the opening of the St. Mary Dam, an Ottawa group of fourteen — ten Americans from the U.S. Embassy at Ottawa, and four Canadians including the President of the C.F.A., Herbert H. Hannam — stopped over for the final day of the Calgary Stampede. Here they were the guests of the Alberta Federa-

tion of Agriculture. In the picture, George E. Church, Vice-President of the Federation and President of the U.F.A. Co-operative, is seen presenting Calgary's traditional white stetson, as a gift from the A.F.A., to Francis Flood, U.S. Agricultural Attaché at Ottawa, while members of the Flood family look on.

Federal Ministers and Farm Unions to Confer Coming Week

Open to all members of the Farmers' Unions of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta who can attend, a Conference will be held at the Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, on July 23rd and 24th. Several members of the Federal Cabinet, President Henry Young of the F.U.A. announces, will be present at 9 a.m. on the 24th, "to meet the representatives of the Unions for the discussion of the grievances of Western farmers," word to this effect having been received from Prime Minister St. Laurent.

A considerable number of Government Members of Parliament will be present, it is expected, at the meeting with the Ministers, and arrangements will also be made to meet non-Government M.P.'s during the day.

In view of the calling of this Conference, plans to hold a July Convention of the F.U.A. have been abandoned. The F.W.U.A. Board will meet in Edmonton July 30th, and the F.U.A. Board will review the results of the Conference and the general situation at a meeting on July 31st.

acres in area. The dam is 186 feet high, and the reservoir it will create is 18 miles long and up to 6 miles wide.

Irrigation projects now in operation give an indication of what will result from the St. Mary dam after junction with the Milk River reservoir system and their distributing facilities. It will undoubtedly mean a great expansion to sugar beet production and canning

First Jet Fleet

LONDON, Eng. — The world's first fleet of jet airliners will go into regular service on the London-Rome-Cairo route this coming winter.

Next Issue August 17th

Only one issue of *The Western Farm Leader* will be published in August. This will permit of arranging holidays with greater convenience. The next issue, therefore, will be dated August 17th and advertising copy should reach this office by Friday, August 10th.

Less wool moved from the five principal Southern Hemisphere countries in the 1950-51 season than for the same period in the previous season. The reduction amounted to almost 14 per cent.

industries. It will remove from farmers within the area of operation the bugbear of recurrent drought.

The latest Bureau of Statistics report on crop conditions in the Prairie Provinces shows a general improvement over this time last year. The improvement was marked in the Prairie Provinces, particularly in Alberta and Saskatchewan. In Manitoba, lack of adequate rainfall and lower temperatures brought reduced ratings to wheat, buckwheat, shelled corn, hay and clover, alfalfa and pasture, while other crops were on a higher level than last year. In Alberta all crops on June 30th, the date from which the statistics were compiled, were well above last year, when all Alberta crops except sugar beets were

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LIVESTOCK CO-OP BREAKS RECORD IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

New High in Dollar Handlings

Handling \$43,607,615 worth of livestock during the last financial year, the Alberta Livestock Co-operative established a new record high, President Charles P. Hayes of Strome reported to the Annual Meeting of delegates held in Edmonton during the first week in July. Gratification was expressed by delegates at the successes achieved.

During the last fiscal period, ended May 31st, the number of handlings was approximately the same as in the previous twelve months, Mr. Hayes stated, but the increase in livestock prices caused the values of these handlings to be substantially increased.

Gross revenue of the A.L.C. for the year was \$200,576, the Secretary of the Board, R. P. Hibbert, reported, with a net surplus of \$22,589. From Edmonton operations the surplus was \$27,223, from Calgary \$22,348, while Lethbridge had a deficit of \$3,607.

While American buyers have drained much of the stock in the area, the Directors reported future possibilities warrant the continuance of operations on the new stockyard in that city.

What Is the Alberta Federation of Agriculture?

IN the last issue of *The Western Farm Leader* the set-up of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture — consisting today of fifty-five farm groups — was described. The purposes of the Federation as outlined in the Constitution were set forth, as was the manner in which the Federation functions.

Some of the things the Federation has worked for are enumerated below. The role played by the A.F.A. as a member unit of the national farm body (the Canadian Federation of Agriculture) and through the C.F.A. in the world union of farmers (the International Federation of Agricultural Producers) is also explained.

Some of the Things the A.F.A. Has Worked for

1. Marketing of coarse grains through the Wheat Board. (Achieved).

2. Colorless margarine legislation in Alberta. (adopted).

3. Abolition of Daylight Saving Time. (Achieved).

4. Brief to Royal Commission on Arts, Letters and Science, supporting the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as a proper body to regulate and control the national network or air currents for radio. (Commission recommends this policy be continued). Also supporting local stations for local and community work.

5. Brief to Royal Commission on transportation, protesting any repeal of the Crows' Nest freight agreement. (Agreement stands).

6. A number of submissions to the Railway Transport Board protesting freight rate increases on agricultural products.

7. Initiated special provincial, inter-provincial and Dominion conferences to discuss legislation on marketing, coarse grains, poultry and poultry products, etc.

8. Packing plant strikes — We were represented at a number of meetings. Our executive was active towards obtaining results, and made presentations to governments to this end.

9. Income Tax — Have had a standing committee, both provincial and Dominion, to study the Income Tax Act, the regulations pertaining thereto, and its applications. A few of the changes we have worked for, and which are now provided, are:

(a) Deletion of the net-worth statement on the income tax forms.

(b) Depreciation based on 25% of the value of the farm home and one-quarter of costs of repairs to same, allowed as expense; also all lights, power, telephone, taxes and fire insurance.

(c) Basic herd in co-operation with Western Stock Growers and through the C.F.A.

(d) Improvements to the Income Tax Guide.

(e) Averaging income over a period of 5 years (farm income).

(f) Simplified income tax return forms.

(g) Increasing the exemptions for single persons from \$750 to \$1,000, and for married persons from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

10. Government Departments — We maintain a constant contact with government and department officials to keep abreast of current and acute questions pertaining to agriculture,

and endeavor to assist in every way possible to correct or improve situations as soon as possible.

11. Suggested that the number of personnel on the Arbitration Board administering the Right of Entry Act, be increased. Also submission to the Government for improvement in administration policy.

12. Re P.F.A.A. — Prairie Farm Assistance Act and regulations were studied by a special committee and suggestions for improvement have gone forth to proper authorities.

13. Agriculture Building — Worked for a biological science building at the University of Alberta, which is now being acted on.

14. Nuffield Foundation Scholarship — Have nominated an Alberta boy who has been chosen over contestants from other western provinces for a scholarship to study British agriculture for a period of six months in Britain this year, on a British farm.

15. Submission to the Natural Gas Commission to protect the interests of the Alberta people.

16. Grasshopper control.

17. Non-expansion of Hutterite colonies.

18. Soil conservation.

19. Sale of army trucks to farmers, following the war. This was done through A.F.A.

20. Improvement of Health and Educational policies.

21. Expansion of the use of the Hudson Bay Railway and Churchill Route.

22. Co-sponsorship of Farm Radio Forum.

23. Harvest wages.

24. Reclamation.

A.F.A. Objectives for 1951

1. A farm broadcast — Monday through Friday, 12:15 - 12:30.

2. Provincial Marketing Act and plan or scheme for marketing agricultural products.

3. Feed Grain policy, or a feed bank to provide at all times, for sufficient feed being held within the province for the requirements of our livestock and poultry populations.

4. Seed grain policy — a holding of good quality commercial seed within the province until seed requirements are filled for each year.

5. A possible study of ways and means of improving rural electrification.

6. Purpose to get the Sales of Goods Act amended to offer more protection to producer buying associations regarding stolen livestock.

7. A just final payment per bushel on the five-year wheat pool, 1945-49.

8. A fair price relationship between agricultural products and other commodities.

9. Proper recognition of agricultural needs in Canada's manpower policies.

10. Removal of the fuel tax for agricultural purposes. (Tax has now been removed.)

11. Amendments to the Farm Loan

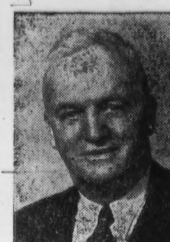
What Is the Canadian Federation of Agriculture?

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture is a national farm organization made up of Provincial Federations of Agriculture, inter-provincial and other Dominion-wide agricultural - producer organizations. It was established so that farm problems from every part of Canada could be reviewed on a national basis and thus provide for the building up of agricultural policies that would be national in scope. In this way the most good can be obtained for the largest number of farmers.

In other words, the Canadian Fed-



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H. W. Allen
Livestock Director

Act to enable young people desirous of establishing themselves on farms, to borrow money at a low rate of interest, and the loan to be amortized over a long term of years.

12. Floor prices for agricultural products at a fair rate to ensure stability in the industry equal to that enjoyed by other members of society.

13. Higher floor prices for eggs and cream, an excise tax upon all foreign oils used in the manufacture of margarine.

14. To obtain a floor price for hogs at least equal to what the farmer could receive if he had full access to the United States market.

15. Urged an investigation into the price of fertilizer.

16. Requested a National Act so that a sound policy of development and conservation of our land and water resources could be available.

17. Tariffs off all farm equipment and machinery. Very important concessions have been granted in the budget of the present year. These have been described in previous issues of *The Western Farm Leader*.

18. Vigorous protests to government re Transport Board continuing to allow freight increases.

19. Encouraged support and promotion of the activities of the National Film Board in the public service.

20. Pensions without a means test at 70 years and over (Legislation passed).

21. Many other matters worthy of mention emanating from meetings of member groups.

What Part Have We Got in Canadian Federation of Agriculture?

We nominate three directors on the C.F.A. Board who are elected every year. This gives us equal representation with other provinces in the Dominion. Each year a budget is drawn up and each province is assessed ac-

A PROVEN BUSINESS METHOD

In the long view, the co-operative movement must be accorded prominent recognition. It is based on sound economics and its aims are centred on a fairer distribution of the wealth produced by human labor.

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Wool Director

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to unite as one organization, the I.F.A.P.

Is the A.F.A. Associated With This Organization?

The A.F.A. is a member of the I.F.A.P. through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, which is one of the member nations. Only farm organizations having national status are permitted membership.

What Is the Purpose of the I.F.A.P.?

This organization was first set up in London, England, during May, 1946. It held annual meetings in various countries each year since. In brief, the purpose of this organization is to promote the well-being of all who obtain their livelihood from the land and to assure them of the maintenance of adequate and stable remuneration for their labor units as exercised on their farms in producing food.

Farm Radio Forum

Farm Radio Forum is a national radio broadcast sponsored by the C.F.A., the Association of Adult Education, the C.B.C., and by the various provincial Federations of Agriculture across Canada. It has the largest group listening audience in the entire world and is designed to encourage farm people to meet and discuss their problems and how they may best meet them.

While national and international economic questions may be threshed out, the most value of this broadcast perhaps lies in the fact that neighbors in a community meet together in one another's homes and a spirit of understanding and good fellowship is built up. This is fundamental to the improvement and success of any community undertaking and much has been accomplished locally as well as on the larger issues that rise from time to time on the farmers' horizon. There are potential possibilities lying within local community organizations for the study of provincial and national issues which must be met by previous study in order to reach the most intelligent decisions. The A.F.A. and C.F.A. desire to encourage this form of study and will benefit from the results.

In a number of countries throughout the world, similar programs to Farm Radio Forum are now in effect and requests still come in to the National Office in an attempt to learn more of this study group plan of helping farm people to help themselves.

The offices of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture are at Room 110, Clarke Bldg., Edmonton, and Room 515 Lougheed Bldg., Calgary.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary
C.F.A. Summer Meetings.—A series of meetings dealing with C.F.A. business is scheduled for Ottawa and McDonald College early in August.

To deal with problems in the poultry and swine fields, the Federation has set up two national committees. These committees will be in Ottawa on August 2nd and 3rd respectively. K. V. Kapler, President of the Alberta Poultry Producers, is our poultry representative while Hugh W. Allen of Hualien will attend the swine committee meeting.

The semi-annual Board meeting will convene at McDonald College on August 6th. On Tuesday afternoon a public session will be held for the benefit of farmers tributary to that centre.

On Wednesday, August 8th, a new venture is being undertaken, namely a conference of all Provincial Federation secretaries. This will be the first time a general conference of secretaries has been held. It should prove very helpful in co-ordinating Federation work across Canada.

Present plans are that Ben Plumer, K. V. Kapler, Hugh Allen and the writer will attend one or more of the above sessions.



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President C.F.A.
Past Pres. I.F.A.P.



Mrs. R. B. Gunn
Representative
Western Women



Colin G. Groff
Secretary C.F.A.



Andrew Cairns
Sec.-General I.F.A.P.

Plebiscite on Coarse Grain Marketing.—Most of our readers are likely aware that the Manitoba Government plans on holding a plebiscite to determine whether they will continue to support coarse grain marketing through the Canadian Wheat Board.

The annual meeting of the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture, which was held recently at Brandon, endorsed a resolution supporting the sale of coarse grains by the Wheat Board. The resolution also favored the marketing of flax and rye through the same channels.

Huge Chicken Barbecue.—The raising and marketing of broilers in Nova Scotia is big business. To encourage the sale of this product, members of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association sponsored a chicken barbecue recently.

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Protein Content Drops With Maturing of Hay

SCOTT, Sask. — Protein content of hay drops rapidly with maturity, and timeliness in haying is vitally important, states C. H. Keyes of the Experimental Station at Scott, Sask. Common grasses and legumes cut for hay at the early heading stage contain approximately 14 per cent protein; after the flowering stage, this drops to 11 per cent; and mature plants contain only four and a half per cent protein.

Fertilizer Industry Uses 34% U.S. Sulphur

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Of U.S. production of sulphur, some 34 per cent is used in the fertilizer industry; 24 per cent is placed in the "chemicals and miscellaneous" column, and 10 per cent in the petroleum industry. The pulp and paper industry, and the rayon and cellulose film industries use 7 per cent each.

cording to its membership in the Provincial Federations.

Our C.F.A. Directors for 1951 are K. V. Kapler, Ben S. Plumer, and Roy C. Marler. Mrs. R. B. Gunn is representing the farm women of the four western provinces on the Board. The ladies' Director is elected at the Western Conference held each year just prior to the annual meeting of the C.F.A. where delegates representing the four western provinces discuss western problems.

What Are the Aims and Objects of Federation?

Briefly the objects of the Canadian Federation are the same in a national way as those of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture are provincially:

1. To co-ordinate the efforts of agricultural producers organizations throughout the Dominion for the purpose of promoting their common interest through collective action.
2. To promote and advance the social and economic conditions of, and to render such service to, those engaged in agricultural pursuits as conditions may justify.
3. To assist in formulating and promoting national agricultural policies to meet changing national and international economic conditions; to collaborate and co-operate with other organized groups of producers in other countries for the furtherance of the said objective.


What Is the I.F.A.P.?

The I.F.A.P. is an international federation of agricultural producers. The membership is composed of 26 member nations consisting of national farm organizations. It is the first and only world organization of farmers.

Why Is an International Organization Necessary?

Food is the very foundation of world peace. Full production and proper distribution are fundamental factors in maintaining a balanced world food program. Such a program must protect the producer in times of plenty and the consumer in times of scarcity. Agricultural workers in all nations of the world are vitally interested in such a program that will tend toward stability. The accomplishment of such a goal cannot be won individually. Thus, farm leaders from 26 nations have deemed it advisable

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A.L.C. HAS GOOD YEAR

The Directors' report presented by President C. P. Hayes at the recent Annual Meeting of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative showed that the organization has enjoyed another satisfactory year. The A.L.C. handled the largest dollar volume in its history, as a result of the increased value of livestock, the percentage of total marketings in the Province being about the same as that of the previous year.

All the reports, including those of the managers at Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge stockyards, Messrs. Sheppard, Winkelaar and Symons, were businesslike documents which enabled the delegates to form a very clear picture of the position of the Co-operative, as well as of the general outlook for livestock.

We trust that this organization, which is indispensable as a guardian of the farmers' interest, will continue to prosper, and that the coming year will witness further expansion in the scale of its operations.

BRITISH CO-OPERATORS IN SESSION

Some distinguished Canadian critics, writing on British affairs, have recently suggested that in the United Kingdom control of industry is likely to become increasingly centralized as the years pass, especially if the present Government remains in power.

We think there are signs that a quite different tendency is gaining strength.

The Co-operative movement is in a position powerfully to influence policy at Westminster, and there is accumulating evidence that the leaders of the movement are likely to uphold a policy of decentralization in various fields.

Public ownership, of course, is now the agreed policy of all parties — up to a point. The Conservatives, if they should come to power, would be bound by their pledges not to undo what has been done — except in one major field. For better or for worse, that is the situation.

But, transcending all political parties, are the nation's co-operators. They are allied to Labor, but among them, more than in any political organization, is a decentralizing tendency to be found. They don't oppose nationalization, but they have ideas of their own as to how it should be carried out — and they are determined to guard jealously those fields of the national economy in which voluntary co-operation is established.

A very clear presentation of views which no doubt are widely held in the movement was made at the Co-operative Congress attended by more than 2,000 delegates at Blackpool this spring. The speaker was Harold Taylor, the President.

Mr. Taylor said, according to an official report, that "in spite of the aftermath of war a peaceful revolution had been carried through. Mistakes had been made, but mistakes were common to all Governments. In spite of mistakes the foundations had been laid for a New Society."

THE GAMBLE

Now in Alberta seasonable rains
Have quickened life in pasture-plot and field.
Sweet promise spreads across the verdant plains
That harvest will a rich abundance yield.
But meantime in the Fraser's lovely vale
That winds beyond the Rockies' rugged spine
Relentless suns the thirsty land assail
And fruits of labor wither on the vine.

Thus we perceive that neither toil nor skill
Insures the reaping of what man has sown.
The winds and weather vanquish or fulfill
The hopes he cannot realize alone.
A hazard this of the inconstant land,
Where Nature always holds the winning hand.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

He advocated the establishment of a special Co-operative Economic Planning Commission to plan the development of the Co-operative Movement.

According to the report of the Congress: "The President stated that in his opinion the methods at present in operation in the nationalized industries required revision. . .

"Co-operative principles were capable of application in every field of economic organization, and therefore, to assure that our economic planning remained democratic (and that it was not sabotaged) the field of public ownership must be increased. But by what method?

"The next stage . . . should take the form of a co-operative organization representing in its management and controlling structure the Government, the primary or ultimate consumers and the workers in the respective industries, all three sections also participating in the financing of the industry.

"This type of co-operatively-owned public enterprise would be both practical and efficient, and give to both the consumers and the workers that real sense of ownership and participation which is an essential feature of co-operative enterprise and democratic public ownership."

Those are the British leader's views. They are shared widely among the rank and file of the membership of the movement; and, as time goes on, they will no doubt tend to color the thinking of members of all parties.

Conditions in Britain, of course, differ widely from our own. Our Canadian farm co-operatives, for instance, must seek to realize their aims through methods which experience and long practice have shown to be efficient under Canadian conditions. It is not suggested that Mr. Taylor's ideas are applicable to conditions prevailing in our various organizations. That is not the point at all.

What is significant for all men everywhere, in Mr. Taylor's address and in the policy of British co-operators, is the trend which is indicated. In Britain, it is made clear, as it has been made clear in various other countries, that when the co-operative philosophy takes root the movement — on practical grounds as well as on grounds of principle — becomes a force directed against the excessive centralization of economic power.

No state in which the philosophy of co-operation is firmly rooted will ever, by the decision of its citizens, become "totalitarian".

HENRY WISE WOOD

Many of our readers will be interested in a review of W. K. Rolph's book, "Henry Wise Wood of Alberta", by Dr. John A. Irving, which appears in the July issue of *The Canadian Forum* of Toronto. The periodical is obtainable at newsstands or from the publishers for 50 cents.

Farm and City Share Pride in Calgary Event

By LORNE STOUT

RECORDS toppled for the 1951 Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, five of them for attendance and two in the Stampede events, others in the livestock section. 408,267 visitors, Albertans and citizens of Calgary kept the turnstiles clicking a merry tune all through the week, setting new daily records for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when the all-time one-day mark went above the eighty thousand figure for the first time.

Surprises Officials

The 80,621 on Saturday surprised even optimistic Stampede officials, for a good one-inch downpour of rain in the evening flooded subways and streets, left the infield a lake and in spite of it all, only delayed the evening show for half an hour.

And the great success of the Stampede brings a glow of pride and satisfaction to all in Southern Alberta, for thousands have contributed their effort and time to make the Great Western Show the outstanding world-famed event it now is.

Enthusiasm Touches Every Visitor

It is this general enthusiasm of nearly all in Calgary and all of Southern and Central Alberta, in fact, that makes the great Stampede possible, an enthusiasm that reaches out and touches every visitor, an infectious certainty of success that even rain and violent storms cannot stem, as witnessed by the Monday morning street parade, and the Saturday record-breaking crowds, a spirit which, like the Stampede, typified the pioneer spirit still very much alive in this last part of the North American continent to see white settlers.

Visitors come from all parts of the world to the Calgary Stampede, and particularly by the thousands from the United States, and few have been disappointed. Some of those tourists this year were frankly amazed each morning when Calgary's main business street, 8th Avenue, was closed to traffic for blocks, with Indians, chuck wagons, cowboy bands, square dancing, and adding to it all, everyone in Calgary seemed to have dressed for the part. You could almost pick out the visitors by their lack of a Stetson and cowboy boots. There were more blue jeans than serges everywhere you looked. This was the West as the tourists had hoped — but hadn't expected to find it.

Far From A Calgary Show

The Stampede is far from a Calgary show. Virtually every community from Lacombe to Cardston and from Banff to Medicine Hat was represented in the Stampede parade and the week-long events. Chuck wagons from Vernon, B.C., and Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, battled to be the first to take the world championship out of Alberta. But the Foothills is supreme. It was 16 Alberta outfits in the Saturday night mud-splattered finals, with Hank Willard, driving the Nelson and Willard Queenstown outfit to the title, by a scant four seconds over Ron Glass and the Johnny Phelan crew from Red Deer.

Records toppled as well in the rodeo events, when a novice who had never before tried Steer Decorating set a new amazing record of 1-7/10 seconds, and Jack Boschbom of Cessville, Wisconsin, was amazed as anyone at the feat. He appeared to fly over the steer's head as it jammed its front feet in for a sudden stop when just out of the chute. Boschbom had already started to dive from his horse and he snagged the ribbon on the steer's horn even as he sailed over its head to pile head first in the dirt.

Bill Linderman of Red Lodge, Montana, set another mark when for the sixth time in eight years he won the North American all-around championship. He also

won the bareback bronk riding event, while Bud Linderman, a brother, took the North American Saddle Bronk riding championship.

Winners of other events, Jim Shouder, of Oklahoma, the Brahma Bull riding; Jim Snively, Pawhuska, Iowa, the calf roping; and the only Canadian in the major events, Tom Duce, of Cardston, won the Steer Decorating title.

Winners in Livestock

Americans also provided strong competition in the Livestock, when the Bear Claw Ranch of Dayton, Wyo., won the Grand Champion Bull ribbon for the Hereford breed, and J. M. Smallwood, all the way from Lawn, Texas, had the Grand Champion Hereford female.

Shorthorn Championships were won by Emil Cammaert, Rockyford, and N. D. Latimer and Sons, Bowden. For the Aberdeen-Angus by Bell and Schoeppe, Calgary and Delia, and M. W. Gibb, Killam.

In the dairy cattle section, the Holstein Champion Bull was shown by Willumsen and Hays of Calgary, Champion female by Hays Limited. For Ayrshires the ribbons went to A. J. Avison, Ponoka, and W. A. Wheeler, Asquith, Sask. and for Jerseys to Mrs. Alice B. Longway, of Calgary, and Fred Yeabsley, Calgary.

Hardy E. Salter, of Calgary, swept up the Championships for Percherons and Belgians in the Horse section of the livestock show, and in all took 19 first places in the two breeds. In the Clydesdales the Champions were shown by W. V. Fleming, of Red Deer, and W. MacDonald, of Edmonton.

Co-op Milk Company Winner

It was a close contest during the Friday morning livestock show when the Teams were judged. The Co-op Milk Company, of Calgary, showing a better entry each year, won the four-horse team championship, placing second in the six-horse event. The Champion six-horse team from W. V. Fleming, of Red Deer, was second in the 4's.

Judging and selling both were involved in the Sheep section of the Stampede. In the Suffolks, P. J. Rock and Son, Drumheller, and C. H. Borwick, Drumheller, had the champions. In the Hampshires, P. J. Rock had both the Champion Ram and the Champion Ewe. In the Southdowns, it was Dorothy Hebson, of Okotoks, and Tom Hudson, of Kathryn. An all-time record price of 1,000 dollars for a Suffolk ram marked the 6th annual Calgary Exhibition Sheep Sale. It was from P. J. Rock, and the buyer, after strong bidding by many others, was A. C. B. Grenville, of Morrin, Alberta. In all, 51 selected Suffolk and Hampshire Rams were sold, with many going to the United States.

Opened by pioneer cattleman and Hereford Breeder Frank Collicutt, the 1951 Stampede, almost closed by rain, provided thrills for a special group of visitors on the final day. The group of 14 from Ottawa included U.S. Agricultural attache at the Embassy in Ottawa, Francis Flood and Mrs. Flood, eight other Americans at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa, and four Canadians including Herb Hannam, C.F.A. President.

During their stay in Calgary for the Stampede, en route to the St. Mary

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Jensen Family Reunion

Some 150 members of the Jensen family sat down to a banquet in Magrath recently — about one hundred of them from the U.S. They were descendants of Christian and Barbara Jensen, who came from Denmark to this continent in the early 1860's with their families.

The couple settled in Utah, where they brought up a family of eight. Chris Jensen and three other sons came to Alberta in 1903, and carried on farming and ranching for many years in the Magrath district.

Chris Jensen was active in promoting irrigation development; his contribution was recognized by the Geograph-

ical Society of Canada, who named after him the Pothole reservoir and dam, part of the St. Mary Milk River irrigation project. Mr. Jensen was one of the original directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and served in that capacity until he retired from active farming in 1945. Lovalee Jensen, his son, took over his principal farming interests and last year he and his family received a Master Farm award.

R. D. Purdy, manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, was guest speaker at the banquet, which was held in the Recreation Hall of the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

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Manager Reviews Market Situation, and Policies of Pool

THAT there will be a good market for all dairy products that can be produced this dairy production season is not to be doubted, Ellis A. Johnstone, General Manager of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, informed delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Pool at Rimbey, on the basis of a careful appraisal of the present statistical position.

Detailed Analysis

Mr. Johnstone gave a detailed analysis of the general market situation for dairy and poultry products, as well as dealing in informative detail with the business operations of the enterprise he manages.

That the program announced by the Canadian Government on April 25th in respect to butter did assist the butter market, and therefore was of some assistance to the producer, was the opinion expressed by Mr. Johnstone.

Pointing out that butter still uses approximately 50 per cent of the milk production in Canada, he discussed the shortage which had occurred, leading to a sharp increase in butter values for a short period of time before the Government program was announced.

Above Support Levels

While the program was of assistance to the producer, "values for butter did not reach the Government support levels, and it is the opinion of the trade," said the manager, "that unless something quite unforeseen happens, butter values will not go much, if any, below present levels, which were at the time this was written, approximately three cents above Government support values."

Pasteurizing Gains Favor

Speaking of milk for fluid use Mr. Johnstone said: "At the present time we have sufficient at each of our fluid

milk operations. Prices for the most part have remained steady, but there have been one or two changes where conditions seemed to warrant. We believe that pasteurized milk as against milk that is not pasteurized is gaining favor with the average consumer, and we would not be surprised if in a few years it will be a requirement in almost all districts."

As to milk for evaporation, the manager said that while "a year ago we had too much milk, now we are short, for two reasons: First, the overall volume of milk is down, and secondly, our sales for the finished product are up. We would anticipate a steady demand for the finished product, and under present conditions, undoubtedly all the milk that we can secure can be put into profitable use as evaporated milk."

Future of Poultry Meat

"We are not too sure what the future of poultry meat is, but as long as other red meats stay anywhere near present levels, undoubtedly all the poultry meat that is available will be required here in Canada at values that make it at least reasonably attractive for some increase in production."

Adding further detail to the information which President Wood had given in his report, in respect to the position of the C.A.D.P., Mr. Johnstone stressed some features of the financial statement.

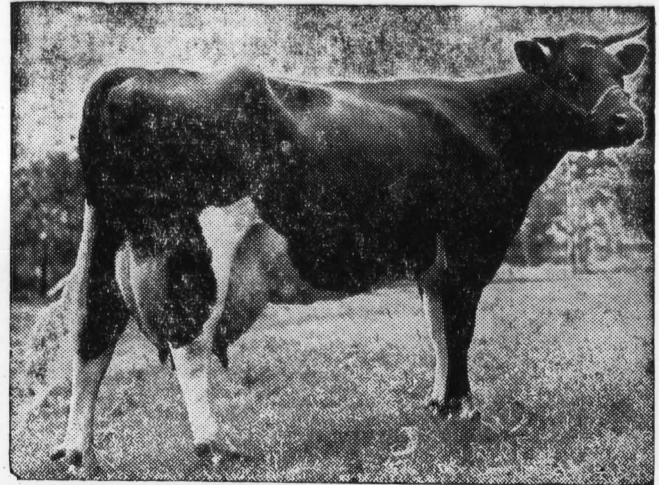
Depreciation Reserve 50%

"First," he said, "we have been taking full depreciation on our capital assets and, therefore, your depreciation reserve is slightly better than 50% of the total that you have invested in capital assets."

"Second, surplus of current assets over current liabilities, as at the end of 1950, was the highest in the organization's history, being a net balance of nicely over \$400,000.00. It sounds like a fair amount of money and it is a nice figure, but certainly not too much for the size of business that we are presently operating."

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interests of the member have been well protected by the policies that your Board has set up throughout the year, and unless something unforeseen arises, your organization should have another reasonably good year in 1951."

The general decline in milk production in Canada was discussed by Mr. Johnstone, who pointed out that production in Alberta is following the same trend. A decreased production in eggs and poultry production had also been forecast.

"Undoubtedly, therefore," said the manager, "there will be a good market for all dairy products that can be produced this present dairy production season."

Interesting and illuminating figures on production of dairy production over a term of years (from 1945 to 1950) in Alberta as a whole and in C.A.D.P. plants, were submitted.

Total Units Handled

Total of units handled from all members of the C.A.D.P. (pounds butterfat, dozen eggs, pounds poultry, from members only), were 7,074,751, up 11.2 per cent for the last financial year as compared with the previous one; while on the dollar basis, there was an increase of 17 per cent, from \$5½ million in round figures to nearly 6½ million.

"The unit handlings from our members are a barometer that we use rather than the dollar sign," Mr. Johnstone went on. "As you know, the cost of most items is going up and has been going up. It follows, therefore, that on the basis of a dollar turnover, the dollar turnover may increase without an increased actual handling from the member."

Reason Unit Handlings Higher

"Our unit handlings (a unit represent a pound of butterfat for any use, a dozen eggs and a pound of poultry)

are higher in 1950 than in 1949, principally, if not altogether, by reason of the fact that we operated three more branch plants than we did in the year previous."

Dealing with Bluffton, Mr. Johnstone said that because of the fact that only 21.9 per cent of the cream the Pool received there is delivered locally or by train, the percentage of delivered cream declined from 55% in 1949 to 53% in 1950. We are glad to have at least a strong 50% on delivered basis. Actually, we feel that our business would be in a better position if even a larger percentage was delivered by the patron or came in on more or less a delivered basis through express shipments.

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Pioneer of Fraser Valley Tells Inspiring Story

By the EDITOR

BORN and raised in the Fraser Valley where he is still living and farming the home place of boyhood days, D. R. Nicholson, President of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, guest speaker at the Annual Banquet of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool at Rimbey, held the large audience in eager attention as he told the inspiring story of the growth of co-operation among the farm people of his community, from small pioneer enterprises to the mighty business organization of today.

Historic Similarity

Despite differences in climate and in methods of settlement, annals of pioneer development in the Fraser Valley, as presented by Mr. Nicholson, recalled, among the older Alberta farm people present, much of their own experience.

Wonderful Experience

"I have had the wonderful privilege," said the speaker, "to grow up with a new country and see it develop from mud trails and paths to gravelled roads and from there to hard surfaced highways; from candle light and coal oil lanterns to electricity, with all its modern conveniences," (not many Alberta farmers, of course, yet enjoy the latter); "from canoe, rowboat and steamboat transportation, from oxen to horse drawn vehicles, and now to the gasoline engine with the latest thought in effort, speed and efficiency."

The most important factor in this transformation, Mr. Nicholson declared, had been "Co-operation" — first in the community lives of the pioneers.

"In their neighborly acts of love, sympathy, understanding, help

and assistance is displayed co-operation in its simplest, yet truest form with the smallest of monetary costs, yet of the greatest value imaginable, in the lending of many neighborly hands to do something impossible for two.

"This is a co-operative milestone that stands out, bright and erect, in the memory of anyone who has had the privilege of being a boy or girl in the pioneer days at the coast. The pioneers of the Fraser Valley (in a great many instances the memory of them) hold a large spot in my heart, filled with admiration, esteem and a great deal of respect. They were a noble people. We could well afford to take a leaf out of their book of life."

Farmers Take Out Charter

Mr. Nicholson described the conditions which arose as the pioneer farmers began to produce more milk than they needed for their families or to barter with the general store. Dairies were established which were prone to take advantage of the farmers' situation, and the farmers got together, taking out the charter of "The Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association" in 1913. Many producers remained sceptical and were not, as a whole, in the frame of mind to organize until, conditions not improving, the leaders got general support and the Association, on February 16th, 1917, really got well under way.

Bright Co-operative Milestone

The Association has had an outstanding career ever since, "not only establishing a very bright milestone in the co-operative way of life among dairymen in Canada, but establishing themselves, I believe, as the most versatile dairy operation in this Dominion."

The organization has grown "from a membership at the end of the first year in 1917 of some 840, with a turnover of \$1½ million, to 6,210 at the end of 1950, with a gross turnover of over \$15 million."

"It had developed markets for its various products, such as butter, casein, powder, evaporated milk, cottage cheese, ice cream, and fluid milk." It manufactured more than 40 per cent of the cottage cheese sold in Canada, and manufactured and sold a large percentage of evaporated milk sold in British Columbia.

Milk Grading System

"We have established a grading system of shippers' milk," Mr. Nicholson announced, "the principle of which has been recommended by a Commission to the Ministry of Agriculture in Great Britain, with a view to improving the quality of the milk supply in that country."

Having "grown up with the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association," Mr. Nicholson had served on the Board for 21 years, and he described to the banquet audience in a vivid and striking fashion the strength and weakness



D. R. NICHOLSON

which had been revealed in various forms of effort.

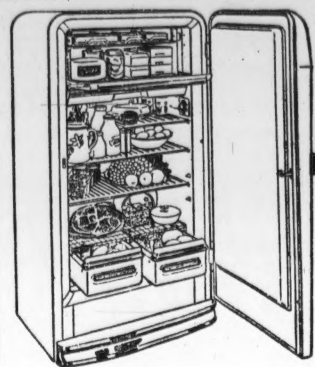
From Twenty Down to Two

One "co-operative milestone" had been the formation of 20 different co-operatives, each doing its own management and financing, in an attempt to handle co-operatively the feed demands of the dairymen of the Valley, the only link being the F.V.M.P.A. which acted as their purchasing agent. Some fell by the wayside, and in 1929 only two remained, one the Surrey Co-operative Feed Association of Cloverdale, B.C., now a most successful organization which brought trainloads of grain and dealt also in cold storage, poultry and groceries and hardware. This association had grown from 81 members with a turnover of \$49,971.90 in 1921 to 3,570 with a turnover of \$3,437,117.37 in the peak year of 1949, the total for 1950 being \$3,086,430.15.

In feed alone some 50,000 tons were handled annually, and the feed business in the Fraser Valley alone was worth approximately \$12 million.

Two Important Selling Jobs

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erative, said Mr. Nicholson, and he was not sure which was the most important — first to sell the producer on the value of his organization; second, to sell the product to the consumer.

Possibly the greatest factor in these two selling jobs were "personnel and public relations." In this field a bright co-operative milestone had been the formation of the Federation of Agriculture. "Selling and co-ordinating the value of the industry to the agricultural people — these Federations are doing wonderful work."

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THE CASE FOR THE Western Wheat Producer

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The western grain producer has been the target for unfair criticism.

Serious misunderstanding prevails in many places in Canada with respect to the recent sixty - five million dollar payment on wheat. Such misunderstanding is dangerous to our country's welfare. Wheat formed the basis for much of Canada's development. It is still a vital part of our national economy.

In justice to the western grain grower, and as a national service, the following facts are presented to support his claim that to a much greater extent than other interests he, the producer, contributed both towards keeping down the cost of living in Canada and providing cheap food for Britain. A much larger payment than was made would have been necessary to offset that undue contribution.

I The Price of Flour Fixed on Basis of Depression Prices of Wheat

Following the outbreak of war in 1939, prices of other commodities rose so sharply that by 1941 price controls became necessary. Wheat prices had made no such advance but remained at depression levels. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board in October, 1941, fixed the price of flour on the basis of wheat still at a depression price of 77 $\frac{3}{8}$ cents, and maintained that fixed price for seven years.

Due to large supplies and early war dislocation of export markets wheat remained at depression levels until 1943. Until that time the producer made possible cheap flour to consumers by supplying wheat at distress market levels out of all relation to prices of other commodities.

After wheat did advance in price in 1943, the Government made up any difference over 77 $\frac{3}{8}$ cents by subsidies to millers. Consumers continued to enjoy cheap bread. Subsidies so paid by the Government amounted to nearly one hundred million dollars. NO ONE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THOSE SUBSIDIES CONSTITUTED A HANDOUT TO CONSUMERS.

II When Wheat Prices Started to Advance the Government Closed the Market

For ten long years producers had suffered from very depressed wheat prices. They expected compensation when prices should advance.

In 1943, due to wartime demands, the price of wheat started to rise and advanced rapidly. That advance threatened

to impose large costs upon the Treasury, both for flour subsidies and for wheat, which the Government had undertaken to supply to Great Britain and allied countries under Mutual Aid.

When the price approached \$1.25 per bushel in September of that year the Government closed the market, made it compulsory to market all wheat through the Wheat Board and on September 23rd, expropriated all wheat in commercial position — about 300 million bushels — at approximately \$1.25 per bushel. Much of this wheat was still owned by producers.

THAT EXPROPRIATION INSURED THE GOVERNMENT A LARGE SUPPLY OF WHEAT, FOR MUTUAL AID AT LOW COSTS IN RELATION TO ADVANCING WORLD PRICES. SAVINGS THUS MADE ACCRUED TO TAXPAYERS.

III Domestic Price Fixed at \$1.25 per Bushel

With the closing of the market the Government fixed the price of wheat for domestic sale at \$1.25 per bushel, and continued it on that basis for nearly four years.

THIS INSURED THE TREASURY AGAINST FURTHER INCREASED SUBSIDIES TO MAINTAIN FLOUR AT A FIXED PRICE.

The western producer did not complain of that price level, which no doubt was intended to be reasonably related to other fixed prices which had prevailed for two years. But he now points out that if it WAS so, the DIFFERENCE between that level and the much lower prices at which he had been selling wheat, during most of those two years, is the measure of his contribution toward cheap food in those years.

IV

When Mutual Aid Ceased, Export Ceiling Placed on Wheat

Mutual Aid ceased in 1945, after the Government had paid advanced prices for some wheat supplies. Then for one year an export ceiling of \$1.55 was placed on wheat. No other export commodity was made subject to export price ceilings. This ceiling on wheat meant large savings to the Government in financial assistance to Great Britain and allied countries. It was also regarded as an anti-inflationary measure. WITHOUT IT PRODUCERS COULD HAVE RECEIVED MORE FOR EXPORT WHEAT.

V

Loss Under Canada-United Kingdom Wheat Contract Generally Conceded

In 1946 Canada contracted to sell to Great Britain 600 million bushels of wheat over a period of four years. Notwithstanding higher prices then prevailing, a price of \$1.55 per bushel was set for 320 million bushels in the first two years. That proved very low on any reasonable basis of comparison with world prices.

From the beginning of the contract producers were encouraged to believe that a substantial adjusting payment would be made to bring the contract price to a more reasonable level having regard to prices generally prevailing elsewhere. On more than one occasion public statements by responsible persons confirmed this belief.

The Government of Canada realized the justice of the producers' claim and finally made a payment equivalent to 20 cents per bushel for the wheat sold during the first two years. That was no political handout. It was an act of good faith. BUT IT IS GENERALLY CONCEDED TODAY THAT THE AMOUNT PAID FELL FAR SHORT OF THE LOSS SUSTAINED BY CANADIAN FARMERS IN SUPPLYING CHEAP WHEAT TO GREAT BRITAIN.

VI

Domestic Price Lags Behind Prices Fixed by British Contract

Although other price controls were relaxed in 1946, and although \$1.55 was the price then fixed as the minimum for two

This statement, not published in any spirit of criticism of Governmental policy, is designed to promote a better understanding of the part played by western grain producers in relation to price controls at home and sales abroad since the outbreak of the last war.

In spite of the recent sixty-five million dollar payment there has been a substantial net profit to taxpayers. There have been large savings to flour consumers. There has been a corresponding loss to wheat producers.

years to be paid by Great Britain for Canadian wheat, it was not until six months later, in February, 1947, that the domestic price was raised from \$1.25 to \$1.55 per bushel. For that period the price received on the domestic market was at least 30 cents per bushel too low WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE LEVEL OF \$1.55 WAS IN ITSELF TOO LOW, AS IS NOW RECOGNIZED.

Again the producers made a substantial contribution toward cheap food for Canadian consumers.

VII

Wheat Producers in the United States Were Differently Treated

In Canada wheat producers have had to carry an undue burden of national price control policies and policies of mutual and financial aid abroad. There has been no such burden on producers in the United States. They were guaranteed a price for wheat based on parity and have usually been able to sell at a higher market price.

The United States as a whole has carried any burden in respect of wheat exported free or at reduced prices to meet international undertakings. For such wheat the U.S. Government has paid the full market price.

VIII

Wheat Prices Still Controlled

Long after other price controls have ended that on wheat still continues. On August 1st, 1948, control by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board of flour on the basis of 77 $\frac{3}{8}$ cents per bushel for wheat came to an end. At that time the domestic price of wheat went to \$2.00 per bushel. But a subsidy of 45 cents per bushel continued until March, 1949, and insured flour to consumers on the basis of \$1.55 wheat. Flour has since been sold on the basis of continuously controlled wheat prices.

WHEAT, ALONE STILL UNDER CONTROL, HAS HAD NO INFLATIONARY PRICE RISE. PRODUCERS GET LESS FOR IT THAN IN AUGUST, NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT.

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Drought on the Island -- and Peril of Fire

Dear Farm Women:

Those of you who have read my letters from time to time know that one of my failings is to talk about the weather. This time I really think I should be forgiven, for it is the first subject on everyone's lips when they meet. We are having a drought, a most prolonged drought. Of course I am assured that it is unusual to have it so early in the season. You will remember that I have told you that when anything untoward happens in the weather line, it is termed "unusual." I must admit that the weather recorder did tell me that he had never registered such a lengthy stretch of days with the hot drying wind we have had.

Paying the Price

Gardens and crops are certainly paying the price. When I was in the village store the other morning, a man came in with a delivery of strawberries from a near-by district which is known as a strawberry district—strawberries being one of the chief crops. As he put them down, he said, "Last call for lunch if you want berries; they are drying up."

But above the drying up of crops the word drought, as I think I told you before, is associated here with fire.

Comox, B.C.

Sometimes there seems almost a terror when it is mentioned. Logging companies have been shut down and no one has been allowed in the woods, even for fishing. Despite the care, word has come that a fire has started not many miles away and scores and scores of men are out fighting it with the first ones exhausted. It is regrettable that it is in a place which was re-forested some ten years ago.

Naturally the lack of rain recalls similar times on the prairie, where it took its toll of crops. I always said that of the three punishments we got—drought, frost or hail—I preferred either of the latter, because it was soon over instead of the slow misery. I think, however, most people prefer the former as there is always the hope that things will be better.

In a sense, perhaps, we may feel that world conditions, that human advancement has suffered somewhat of a drought this past year. Canada has been more fortunate than some other parts of the world and we all unite in hoping that even yet there will be the rain of peace, if we may so term it.

The loss by physical drought and the resultant fire are most regrettable, but after all they are local and not to be compared with the loss that would be sustained if we should find ourselves involved in another war. We should consider ourselves victims of a calamity over which we have no control.

Situations We Could Control

It is true we cannot as human beings control the weather when it makes for loss and destruction. But it is also true that as humans we could control the situations which make for wars.

I was somewhat surprised to read in the testimony of one of the leading American generals in the MacArthur trial in the States the words "I don't believe the military has ever solved an international problem, nor will. It just expands, perpetuates and breeds hate and suspicion."

When as nations we realize this—and nations are made up of the you's and me's—and become sufficiently mature to give earnest studied support to more advanced methods of living together, one great human catastrophe will be a thing of the past.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER

Since the above was written a note from Mrs. Spencer intimates that rain has fallen at Campbell River, about thirty miles from Comox, where serious forest fires had been raging, and the situation is stated to be under control. Ashes no doubt from the Campbell River area, fell at Comox.—Editor.

READ INSECTICIDE LABEL

"Read the label" on your package of insecticides before using it, advises J. A. Oakley, C-I-L entomologist. "Information contained on the label," he states, "is based on much research, experience and past usage. It should be read carefully, and followed to the letter."

The idea that if a little is good more is better emphatically does not apply in the use of insecticides, as excess application may cause more injury than the insects themselves. Finally, Mr. Oakley warns, some insecticides are poisonous to humans and pets as well as to insects, and should therefore be handled with great care and kept safely out of reach of children and pets.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Chocolate Sauce: Blend together 2/3 cup sugar, 1/2 cup cocoa, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tbs. cornstarch and 2 tbs. butter; add to 1 cup hot milk, in top of double boiler, and cook for 20 minutes. Add 2/3 cup corn syrup and cook another 5 minutes. Add 2 tsp. vanilla. Good with ice cream, blanc mange, or cottage pudding.

Raisin Drop Cakes: Cream 4 tbs. shortening with 1 cup sugar, add 1 egg and 2/3 cup milk. Sift 1 1/2 cups flour with 3 tsp. baking powder and a pinch of salt, and combine two mixtures; add 1 cup raisins and 1 tsp. vanilla. Drop on cookie sheet and bake in hot oven.

Stale Bread: Makes a very good impromptu cookie. Slice and cut into neat oblongs, dip into sweetened condensed milk. Sprinkle with coconut and bake in a medium oven until browned.

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News of Women's Locals

Proceeds from their July 2nd booth are being devoted by Fairdonian Valley F.W.U.A. to the new Memorial Hall, at Sedgewick.

The People and Climate of Korea was the topic of a very timely talk by Mrs. Jim Park, to a recent meeting of Roseleaf F.W.U.A. (Blackfalds).

A talk by Miss Davidson of the Red Cross was a valuable feature of a recent meeting of Edmonton F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. D. Surbeck.

Plans for a play to be put on in November are being made by Standard F.W.U.A., according to word from the secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Elias.

Suggestions that a new edition of the U.F.W.A. Cook Book to be issued has been put forward by Westlock F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. C. Glen. The members have undertaken to serve meals at the two-day Westlock Fair in August.

Miss Val Albertson gave an interesting report on Farm Young People's Week, at a recent meeting of Conrich F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. K. Caryle. To raise money, these ladies are catering at a Field Day.

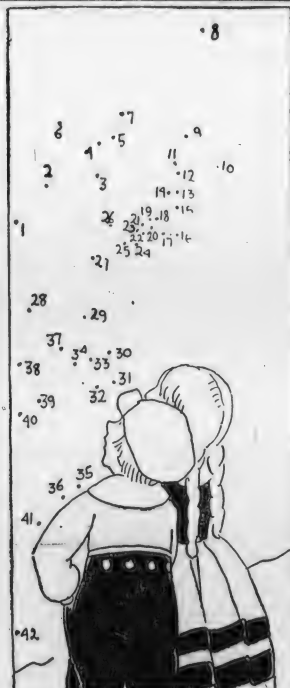
Members of Sunnibend F.W.U.A. (Pibroch) made their annual trip to Edmonton recently, visiting the Woodland Dairy, University Farms, School for the Blind, Alberta Floral Manu-

F.W.U.A. Conference for Bow Valley Held

With Mrs. W. L. Barker presiding, the F.W.U.A. of District 10 (Bow Valley) carried out a very interesting program at their summer Conference, held recently in Knox United Church, Calgary. Following the reports from Local secretaries, a delicious dinner was served by the ladies of the Church auxiliary, writes Mrs. Ralph Cary, secretary. She continues:

"The program included a greeting from Rev. G. P. McLeod, and a very educational talk on books for our children, by Miss Rogers of the Calgary Public Library. Mr. Wheatley and Mr. Gardiner kindly answered questions on the \$1 a day hospital plan to be voted on next day. We then had two lovely selections by a trio, Mrs. Abin Barker, Mrs. Warren, and Mrs. Redfern, with Mr. Redfern at the piano. Miss Thorpe, better known as Dorothy Hudson of the Hudson's Bay, brought our Conference to a close with a very interesting talk and display on Royal Doulton china."

Little Folks' Puzzle



Do you remember the story of Hansel and Gretel? Here is a picture of them and if you join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number forty-two you will have the picture of another character in the story.

facturers, and the Victoria Composite High School.

The bulletin on alcoholism, read at a recent meeting of Milo-Queenstown F.W.U.A., was left over for further study, writes Mrs. Laura Umscheld. Three more books from the Book Club were given out to members, to be condensed into reviews for the next meeting.

Stapledene F.W.U.A. (Lloydminster) will supply volunteers to sew for the local hospital every Friday during July, reports Mrs. George Finlay. Miss Horbay, district home economist, is being asked to speak on "Making the Best Use of Your Frozen Food Locker."

Royce F.W.U.A. have voted \$50 towards clearing off the debt on the hall grounds. They plan to raise money in aid of the Hines Creek Nurses' Home, and to spend a day planting shrubs and hedge on the teacherage grounds, writes Mrs. W. J. Edmunds.

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District 5 Deals With Many Issues — Saffin of Morinville Is Director

The need for better farmer-consumer relationships was stressed by Mrs. Winifred Ross, F.W.U.A. president, at the recent convention of district 5 of the F.W.U.A. held in Stony Plain. In connection with the exodus of young people from farms, she said that another survey on the part played by school curriculums in influencing young people would be conducted this year. President Henry Young dealt with the efforts of the farm organizations concerning the price of wheat.

Saving 18 Per Cent

That the C.C.L.L. is saving for its members 18 per cent of the usual cost of farm machinery was the statement made by W. J. Harper.

Mark Saffin, Morinville, was elected district director and the convention decided that, to avoid duplication of duties, he should also be president of the district board. Mrs. J. C. Herrold, St. Albert, is the F.W.U.A. Director,

and Oscar Hittinger, Morinville, secretary.

The Provincial Government was asked, by vote of the convention, to permit municipalities wishing to do so, to collect F.U.A. dues; it was also requested to distribute road building funds on the basis of need, and to give municipalities affected by oil activities a percentage of oil royalties. Among other resolutions was one proposing that the Provincial Government should continue to supplement all old age pensions given by the Dominion Government.

Urge Pasteurization

OTTAWA, Ont. — Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, bovine tuberculosis, dysentery, undulant fever, septic sore throat, diphtheria, and scarlet fever may be carried on to children and adults by raw milk, states the Health League of Canada, in stressing need for pasteurization. Only two of Canada's ten provinces (Ontario and Saskatchewan) have laws requiring pasteurization of all milk offered for sale.

Texan Consumers Win Important Decision Over Oil-Gas Lobbies

Like many public spirited Albertans who wish to see our natural gas supplies conserved for the benefit of future generations and for the development of industry in the Province, Texans have been giving some thought to the control and management of this basic resource. As the following article from the July 7th issue of *The Nation* of New York indicates, the oil and gas lobbies in Texas have recently suffered a reverse. The article is headed "The Consumers Win a Battle," and is as follows:

For the first time since the middle 1950's Texas advocates of taxation of natural resources have won a clear-cut decision over the oil and gas lobbies. With the moral support of labor and the organized assistance of the Texas Farm Bureau and the County Judges and Commissioners Association, a handful of freshmen members of the Texas legislature have finally forced the adoption of a measure taxing natural gas pumped into pipe lines at a rate which is expected to yield a yearly revenue of \$12,000,000.

Blinded Navy Veteran Leader

The tax bill was written by Representative Jim Sewell of Blooming Grove, a thirty-seven-year-old navy veteran blinded in action who has just received his law degree, with honors, from the University of Texas. Sewell allied himself with a group working for increased appropriations for rural roads and against the diversion of such funds to primary highway construction.

Although the legislative session dragged well beyond the normal 120 day period, the coalition rented an ancient fourteen-room house and announced that it would fight all summer if necessary. The powerful oil and gas lobby capitulated when it realized that the "Sewell taxers" meant business.

In 1939 and again in 1941 attempts had been made by Governor W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel to write a ceiling on oil taxation into the constitution and to enact a general sales tax. When these efforts failed, the oil and gas lobby adopted the strategy of imposing selective sales taxes on cigarettes, beer, automobiles, insurance policies, and other consumer goods whenever new state funds for welfare, schools, or roads were needed.

Franchise Taxes Increased

In the session just ended, the Shivers administration proposed an increase of from four to five cents a gallon in the

DANISH HOG CENSUS

COPENHAGEN. — Danish hog numbers are declining in all classes except bred sows.

gasoline tax and other selective sales taxes. Not only were these methods defeated, but corporate franchise taxes, largely paid by out-of-state oil, gas, and sulphur corporations, were sharply increased.

As a result of the new tax on natural gas, the big interstate pipe lines will doubtless try to increase gas rates to Eastern and Midwestern gas utilities. The Federal Power Commission will then have to decide whether a tax of a half-cent per thousand cubic foot on gas which the pipe-line companies buy in Texas for an average of 5.1 cents per thousand and sell in the East for nearly 30 cents wholesale, warrants a price increase to out-of-state consumers.

Dominant Political Issue

It is not surprising that the question of taxing natural gas should have become such a dominant political issue in Texas. Since non-industrial consumers — and there are enough home fuel consumers in the United States to take the entire Texas supply — are willing to pay much more for natural gas than are industrial users, exports have steadily increased.

Last year interstate pipe-line firms took slightly more than half the pipeline gas produced in Texas. Natural gas is now going from Texas fields to more than thirty states.

Concern About Depletion

The tremendous increase in the industrial output of Texas between 1939 and 1947 has naturally underscored popular concern about the depletion of oil and gas reserves. The big pipe-line companies have always contended that since Texas has three-fourths of the reserves of this fine fuel, it should generously share the benefits with the rest of the country.

But Texas natural gas is now being used in regions which have enough coal reserves to last for two thousand years, while the gas supplies — the state's only fuel resources — may be exhausted in twenty to fifty years. Aware that they may well be buying coal gas imported through these same pipe lines twenty years hence, Texans not unreasonably want to tax the profits of the gas companies while there are profits to tax.

The fight over the control and management of this basic resource may well change the traditional pattern of Texas politics. Although the interstate pipeline companies will doubtless try to pass the new tax on to their out-of-state customers, Texas consumers have won an important battle.

The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.
Alberta Wheat Pool

World wheat production prospects for 1951 would indicate an outturn somewhat above the high level of 1950, namely 6,310 million bushels. North America may have a somewhat larger crop, the United States production now being estimated at 1,070 million bushels. Canada's crop has a potential output of 500 million bushels provided frosts do not occur in August.

European crop prospects are not quite as good as last year's outlook at this time. Argentina and Australia are not increasing wheat acreages and wheat production is hardly likely to be much above last year's figure.

Eastern Europe is enjoying much better crop prospects than a year ago when drought did considerable damage. This is particularly true of the Balkan countries.

Wheat Exports Will Continue

If the Korean war ends, stockpiling of wheat by European nations is almost sure to dwindle. Nevertheless, it is anticipated that wheat exports will continue at a fairly high level. Western Europe must look for its imports from overseas, as little can be expected from behind the Iron Curtain.

It looks as if the Prairie Provinces should produce a bumper crop this year as prospects have seldom, if ever, been better. The big danger, particularly in Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan, where crops are at least two weeks later than normal, is an early fall frost such as occurred last year.

Wheat production in the Prairie Provinces last year amounted to 427 million bushels, and prospects for this year are much better. The largest prairie wheat crop ever produced was in 1928 and amounted to 544 million bushels. In 1942 production reached 529 million bushels.

"Water on Tap"

"Water on Tap," a film which illustrates in a most interesting way the advantages which an automatic water system can bring to the farm had its premiere showing in Calgary at a dinner given by the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating.

George Parker, chairman of the marketing committee for C.I.P.H.; G. H. Dixon, general manager, and J. H. McElroy, president, are now travelling with the film. They addressed the meeting and announced that showings of the film to some 200,000 farmers in English and French Canada are expected during the next twelve months.

Attention was called by the speakers to the fact that the Farm Improvement Loans system provides a means of financing installations of the kind which were described in the film. In commending the film, W. Norman Smith, editor of *The Western Farm Leader* pointed out that the farm organizations, and *The Leader* throughout its history had always laid emphasis upon the need, in the national interest, to raise the standards of improvement in the farm home to the level of those of the cities. In the "hungry thirties" and in earlier times, and since, the point has been stressed that this improvement could only be made possible by raising the farmers' purchasing power through the attaining of more satisfactory prices for farm products. The possibilities of farm improvement were considerably better today; but, the speaker pointed out, the ability of the farmers to buy needed installations depended upon the attainment of satisfactory and equitable prices. Some newspapers and some industrial interests had criticized the voting of \$65,000,000 by Parliament to make up in some measures losses suffered in marketing. These critics totally ignored the fact that the farmers during the war years and in various fields since

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, July 18th. — Hogs sold yesterday \$39, sows \$24, good lambs \$34, good ewes \$17.50 to \$19.50. Good to choice butcher steers were \$32.50 to \$34, down to \$27 for common; good to choice heifers \$31 to \$32.50, down to \$26 for common; good cows \$25.50 to \$26, common to medium \$23 to \$25, canners and cutters \$19 to \$22.50, good bulls \$30.50 to \$31.50; good stocker and feeder steers \$31.50 to \$33; good to choice veal calves \$34 to \$37.50.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, July 16th. — Hogs closed last week at \$39, Grade A, for shipment. Good spring lambs sold \$33.50 to \$35. Choice steers were \$34 to \$34.75, down to \$25 for common. Heifers ranged from \$23 for common to \$32.50 top for choice. Good cows sold \$25.50 to \$26.50 down to \$21.50 for common, canners and cutters \$18 to \$21.

THE DAIRY MARKET

A rise of one cent throughout brings local returns to producers, for Special cream, to 65; for No. 1, 63; for No. 2, 54 and for off-grade, 48. Butter, prints, wholesale, is 65. Production is still considerably lower than at this time last year.

EGGS AND POULTRY MARKET

Current prices to producers are: A1 large, 65, medium 63, pullets 59; A large 60, medium 58, pullets 54; Grade B 42, C 36, crax 34. Chickens (Rail grade basis) over 4 lbs., Grade A, 46, B 42, C 33; 2½ to 4 lbs., A 42, B 39, C 29; 2 to 2½ lbs., A 45, B 43, C 33. Fowl, Grade A, 42 down to 35; B, 39 down to 32; C, 30 down to 24.

English Co-operatives Break Record

LONDON, England. — Attendance records were broken when 2,027 delegates met in Blackpool recently for the Co-operative Congress. During 1950, membership increased by over three-quarters of a million; the movement now has almost 10,700,000 members. Cash trade of co-operative retail societies last year reached a total of over £613 millions — another record.

Declaring that, since the war, foundations for a New Society had been laid in Britain, the chairman, Harold Taylor, advocated revision of methods in operation in nationalized industries, to provide for more participation by consumers and by workers engaged in the various industries. The next stage in public ownership, he believed, should take the form of a co-operative organization, with the Government, the consumers and the workers represented in its management.

A resolution which would have broken the ties between the Co-operative and Labor movements was snowed under.

had subsidized the Canadian consumer. The speaker expressed confidence that leaders in the plumbing and heating world and staffs would use their influence to counter unfriendly urban criticism and make the facts known.

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WORLD CHRONICLE

July 4th. — Princess Elizabeth, Prince Philip, to visit Canada in October, announced by St. Laurent. Board transport commissioners grant 12 per cent freight rate increase (except on coal and coke).

July 5th. — Proposals of International Court of Justice, for interim plan to keep Iranian oil industry in operation pending settlement of dispute accepted by British, rejected by Iran. Canadian Attorney-General and Wheat Board granted leave by Privy Council to appeal decision of Supreme Court of Canada, that cabinet had not power to pass 1945 order, compelling traders to turn in grain at controlled prices.

July 6th. — Washington cancels all tariff concessions on goods from Russia and satellite countries.

July 7th. — King George makes first public appearance since illness.

July 8th. — Liaison officers meet at Kaesong, arrange for senior officers to open armistice talks Tuesday. Fighting continues, U N forces making "limited" attacks. Morrison says Britain will continue arms drive. Stalin sees display of new Russian super-jets. Iranian extremists call for volunteers for "holy war" against Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

July 9th. — Truman offers to send ambassador - at - large, Averill Harriman, to mediate in Iranian oil dispute; Iran says offer "rather late". U.S. Ambassador Grady states his proposals unacceptable to Britain. Morrison says Britain may take question to UN security council. U.K., Australia, South Africa, New Zealand end state of war with Germany.

July 10th. — Kaesong talks open; UN spokesman says some newsmen will be allowed to go to city, but not to be present at conferences. Bevan and group of Labor M.P.'s call for reduction rearmament expenditure, more mutual-aid to fight poverty instead. Canada declares war with Germany ended; various small countries have taken similar action; France expected to follow. Truman to ask Congress end state of war. British staff to remain in Iran indefinitely, announced.

July 11th. — Tokyo reports Chinese, North Koreans, are proposing buffer zone along 48th parallel, and speedy withdrawal foreign troops. Harriman to go to Iran, announced in Washington; Mossadeh consents to see him. U.K. protests Canadian carrying charge of 6 cents on 1951-52 wheat sales. UNESCO ends Paris sessions; \$20 million educational program planned.

July 12th. — Kaesong talks suspended; UN press correspondents refused passage by Communist guards; Ridgway says whole UN convoy must go, or none. Washington makes public Japanese peace treaty draft, accepted by Britain; Japan to be independent, with right to rearm; France objects. Australia said anxious. Truman invites Elizabeth and Philip to visit U.S.

July 13th. — Inflation will do U.S. great harm, unless controls maintained, declares Secretary of Commerce Sawyer; Congress refuses Truman new authority, reduces present powers over U.S. economy. Kansas City, Topeka, suffering severe floods.

July 14th. — North Koreans, Chinese, agree to admit newsmen, remove armed guards. Iranian oil crisis is greater danger to world peace than Korea, declares Eden.

Most Frequent Cause Failure to Establish Trees on Our Prairies

INDIAN HEAD, Sask. — Insufficient soil preparation is the most frequent cause of failure to get trees established on the prairie, writes John Walker, superintendent of Indian Head forest nursery station. Under normal conditions land for trees should be broken, plowed a second time and thoroughly cultivated for two seasons before trees are planted in it.

Falla of Sedgewick Is District 8 Director —74 Delegates Take Part

A. B. Falla, Sedgewick, who had been acting provisionally since the resignation of K. V. Kapler last February, was elected F.U.A. director at the convention of District 8 (Camrose) held at Sedgewick July 10th. Mrs. E. N. Stark of Camrose is F.W.U.A. Director.

Reflecting the anxiety felt over the inroads of Newcastle disease in poultry flocks in most Provinces of Canada, a resolution was passed asking the Provincial Government to pay market prices for all fowl slaughtered to prevent spread of the disease, as in B.C., reports J. E. Carter, Edberg, secretary. Other resolutions asked for compulsory vaccination of all heifer calves against Bangs disease; for discontinuance of Wheat Board policy of selling wheat at less "than it could be sold for on the export market"; and for another \$1,000 income tax exemption for farmers. On organization policy, the delegates voted that no Communist should hold office in the F.U.A.

Representing 20 F.U.A., 4 F.W.U.A. and 2 Junior Locals, 74 delegates were registered. Guest speakers were James Jackson, Irma, representing the C.C.I.L., Mrs. Winifred Ross, F.W.U.A. President, and President Henry Young.

Sports Day at Breton

Sponsored by Antross, Moose Hill and Breton F.U.A. locals, a most successful sports day was held at Breton recently, with baseball, softball, tractor race, children's events, and horse guessing contest. A highlight was a big parade headed by Battle Lake Quartet and Junior F.U.A. floats, and the meeting was climaxed with a dance, reports C. King, sub-director.

Directors Elected

Daily press reports indicate that in the election for District 7, F.U.A., James Jackson of Irma, who was for some years President of the Alberta Farmers' Union, has succeeded R. Garneau of Wainwright as Director; and that in District 4, George Dwerenychuk of Smoky Lake has been elected Director in succession to Frank Maricle of Hamlin.

ELECTED TO A.L.C. BOARD

R. H. Carlyle, Blackfalds, and J. R. Tomlinson, Foisy, were elected to the board of Alberta Livestock Co-operative at the recent annual convention.

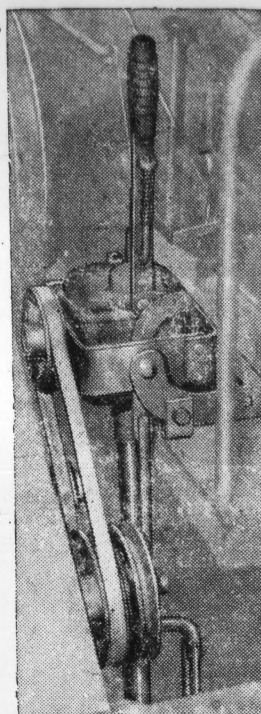
July 15th. — U.S. asks two Hungarian diplomats leave country; reprisal for earlier expulsion two Americans from Budapest. Winnipeg sends flood-wise officials to aid stricken Kansas City. Riots occur in Tehran.

July 16th. — Martial law declared in Tehran. U.S. Admiral Sherman meets Franco; Britain, France, strongly oppose "deal" with Fascist Spain. Kaesong talks resumed.

July 17th. — Harriman meets Iranian foreign minister. Baudouin, son of Leopold, proclaimed King of Belgium. Some progress reported from Kaesong talks.

July 18th. — Demand grows in Philippines for reparations from Japan; demonstrators burn John Foster Dulles in effigy.

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Ergot Is Doubly Dangerous

Recent years have seen a decided increase in ergot in Western crops, writes Dr. F. J. Greaney, Line Elevators Farm Service, in a recent bulletin. Ergot carries a double danger — it reduces both yield and grade and is poisonous to men and to livestock.

It is a plant disease, attacking rye, barley, wheat, sometimes oats, and many different grasses; rye is particularly susceptible. Use of clean seed is one of the most important control measures, states Dr. Greaney, another being crop rotation.

An ergot disease crop should be followed by one of the more resistant

crops, particularly oats, or by summer-fallow. The chief source of infection appears to be grasses growing on headlands and roadsides, and in adjacent hay crops. Cutting this hay before the heading stage will reduce the threat of ergot infection, and, incidentally, give the best quality hay.

Continue Five More Years

The barley improvement Institute will be continued for another five-year period, it has been announced by the financial sponsors, the brewing and malting industries of Canada, who have made an additional endowment of \$300,000.

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PIONEER'S STORY (Continued from Page 7)

Mr. Nicholson introduced to the company the assistant plant superintendent of his company, Don McQueen, who had joined with him in "looking for new ideas and methods" and was "smart enough to take some home with him." He also introduced his son Dannie, who runs the home farm and is also a logging operator, whom neighbors describe as "just like his old man". The audience greeted these

two welcome guests with very warm applause.

OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from Page 1)

below 80. In Saskatchewan all crops except fodder corn were above last year. In British Columbia the crops are about the same as last year.

Estimates of Wheat Condition

Taken on a percentage of the long term average yield per acre (of course, not making any prediction on what changes may occur before the ripening of the crops, there have been very heavy hail losses in some areas since the following was estimated) the Alberta spring wheat condition is placed at 123 per cent compared with the 1950 average of 59 per cent and the 1949 level of 61 per cent. The Saskatchewan wheat figure is 106 compared with 91 in 1950 and 70 in 1949. In Manitoba the percentage is 95 compared with 99 in 1950 and 108 in 1949.

In the Maritime Provinces there is also an improvement in almost all crops with the exception of potatoes in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia and buckwheat and fodder corn in Nova Scotia. Hay, clover and pastures all show up better than last year. In Ontario and Quebec the outlook is also better than in 1950, with the exception of late sown crops which have been hindered by unfavorable weather.

Wheat Supplies

Supplies of wheat for export and carryover in the four major exporting countries on June 1st, according to the latest "wheat review" of the Bureau of Statistics, amounted to 773 million bushels compared with 743 million on the same day last year. Canada had 240 million, compared with 153 million; United States 411 million, compared with 443 million; Australia 81 million, compared with 100 million; and Argentina 41 million, compared with 48 million.

The review mentions the difficulty in estimating very reliably conditions in the "winter" growing areas of the

MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello Folks!

We see where the U.S. Representative Hugh Scott says "Washington is a place where half the people are waiting to be discovered and the other half are afraid they will be." Just like Ottawa, what?

News item states "The Missouri Senate almost passed a bill which included \$45,000 in salaries for Japanese beetles." Nearly went bugs, in fact.

San Antonio, Texas, convicts complained that rumba music from a nearby tavern was keeping them awake nights. Wanted 'em to play the "Prisoner's Song", no doubt.

BUT DON'T HURRY THEM

A life span of 125 was predicted by pharmacist Saul Fischer at an American Pharmaceutical Association meeting. He said the grandchildren of the next generation might achieve it. By about that time the Ottawa Government will really have got down to doing something worthwhile about Old Age Pensions.

Incidentally, the present average life span is only 67 years so it is quite evident that Canadian Old Age Pensioners are ABOVE THE AVERAGE. Something the politicians might note.

"Now that we are about to welcome thousands of tourists from all over the world, why not let us try to teach them our way and laws without being so rough and discourteous about it." — From a letter in the Calgary Herald. The Provincial Government might begin with a polite explanation to those tourists who wish to take their wives into a Calgary or Edmonton beer parlor for a drink, otherwise our visitors may get the idea that segregation is practised in Alberta.

LORD LOVE A DUCK

Dispatch from Thornbury, Ont., says Edward Nixon, former mayor, caught a duck while fishing for perch in the Beaver River. The duck apparently submerged and grabbed the minnow Mr. Nixon was using for bait. Now his friends can't make out whether Mr. Nixon is telling a fishing or hunting story. He'll have to duck the question or come off his perch.

LOVERS

They stood together in the moonlight,
As he opened for her the bars.
But there was no look of love on his brow,

For he was the farmer's herdsman,
And she was the brindle cowl

—Eva M. Smith, Star City, Sask.

And then there's Daffy Dan of Claresholm, who when he learned that a raven lives for a hundred years bought one to find out.

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

Nunno, L.M.T., when the government finally passes Old Age pensions at age 65 they won't make them ret-

southern hemisphere. In North America, Europe and Asia no great change is indicated (there would, however, seem to be some change in Canada from the present outlook) but there may be some decline in Africa. There will be some decrease in Western Europe, but better crops in South Eastern Europe, particularly the Balkans which last year suffered from drought.

roactive to the date when they first PROMISED 'em.

Don't forget, fellows, chortles Wally, our incurable bach, that she may be as pretty as a picture, BUT pictures can't talk.

Nevertheless, it can't be denied, declares that Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, many a gal in slacks would look more spic with less span.

NIGHT SORROW

When I woke in the night and
cried, you were close to me
there,

A refuge of love where the
menacing dark was wide,
And your arms were strong, and
your lips were soft on my hair,
When I woke in the night and
cried.

When I wake in the night, immov-
able shadow is there,
And bottomless silence with never
the sound of a sigh;
My sorrow calls to the dark un-
answering air,
When I wake in the night and cry.

—Sara Carsley, Calgary.

Then there's that Edmonton window cleaner who told the lady in the bath that he didn't like being stared at while he was cleaning her bathroom window.

Columbus, Georgia, soldier has been shipped home from Korea because he just can't wear the Army's wool uniform. We'll bet he feels sheepish.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

There's no need to worry about a guy getting too big for his breeches, he's bound to be exposed in the end.

A MOOSICAL LIMERICK

In the moo of the cow there's a
mutter

That's too utterly utter to utter:
She thinks folks are mean

To eat margarine,
When they ought to be eating her
butter.

Applying at Houston, Texas, for a copy of the birth certificate of his daughter, aged 47, a man of 59 said: "She is not my eldest... I had a son before I was 11 after marrying a girl of 12 when I was ten." That seems to be a case where puppy love was not the prelude to an underdog's life.

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Plant Properties of the Pool

"We will not spend too much time on the heading of plant properties because our President, in his address, has made some reference to this subject," said the Manager. "However, perhaps it would be useful to repeat that during the year under review, namely, 1950, our organization expended \$71,902.44 for new buildings and/or new equipment for our plants. In addition, we had heavy expenditures on rehabilitation and repairs; as a matter of fact, the highest in our history, the figure being \$133,430.43.

"We would anticipate that even with increased costs of all repairs, the amount necessary for repairs and rehabilitation during the present year and the one immediately following will not of necessity be such a large figure. \$133,430.43 compares to \$96,707.84 the preceding year and \$68,787.83 the year preceding that.

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"Whilst we didn't know it at the time we were doing it, it is a good thing that we started our rehabilitation program at the time we did, because costs of rehabilitation in early years were at least only half of what the same costs are today.

"In some previous yearly statements we have separated Red Deer and Alix, the two larger plants, from the others. That possibly isn't necessary this year, because there have been no major repairs at either of these plants. Alix has put in another insulating room, added a refrigeration unit and Red Deer has only added a clarifier. The cost of the Alix additions was approximately \$10,000.00, and at Red Deer almost a similar amount."

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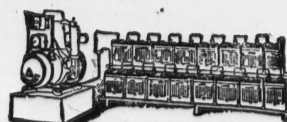
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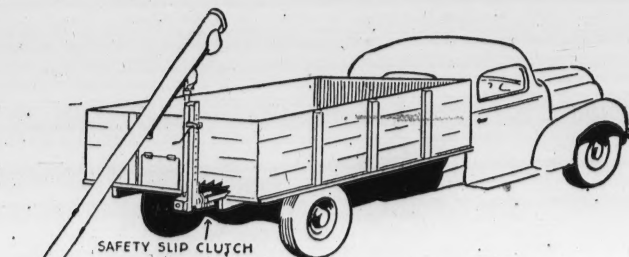
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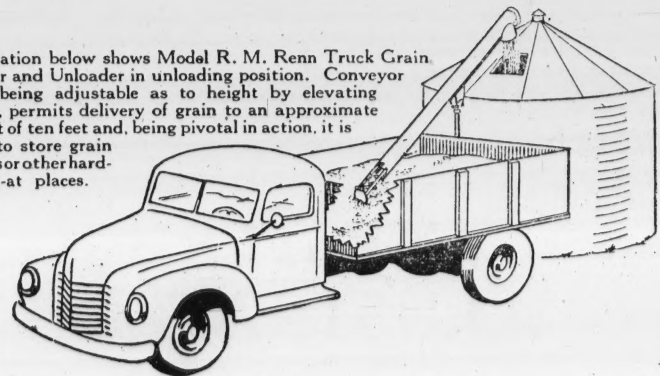
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